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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7620

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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, DR

SUBJECT: CONSULAR AGENT FOR SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE EMBASSY HAS SEEN MERIT IN THE REOPEN-
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OF THE CONSULATE AT SANTIAGO ON POLITICAL, CULTURAL, COMMERICAL AND
CONSULAR GROUNDS. OUR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN THAT WITH THE INSTALLATION
OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT PUERTO PLATA (CURRENTLY UNDER CON-
STRUCTION), THE NORTH COAST OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WOULD FLOURISH
BOTH TOURISTICALLY AND COMMERCIALY WITHOUT OUR HAVING REPRESENTATION
ON THE SPOT TO ATTEND TO THE UHPAL CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL OPPORTUN-
ITIES AND PROBLEMS ACCOMPANYING SUCH DEVELOPMENT. AN ADDITIONAL
CONCERN HAS BEEN THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF SANTIAGO AND ITS SUR-
ROUND-

ING AREA: TRADITIONALLY MANY OF THE POLITICAL LEADERS - OPPOSITION-
ISTS

IN THE MAIN - HAVE SPRUNG FROM THIS REGION. ANTONIO GUZMAN, THE COALI-

TION CANDIDATE OPPOSING BALAGUER IN 1974, COMES FROM SANTIAGO.

2. DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION WITH THE INSPECTORS LAST YEAR AS WELL
AS FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH MY CONSUL GENERAL HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT
A FULL TIME FOREIGN SERVICE POST, MANNED EVEN BY ONLY ONE FSO, IS
NOT NOW WARRANTED AT SANTIAGO. I THINK WE CAN MEET MOST, IF NOT
ALL OF OUR NEEDS, BY THE APPOINTMENT OF A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDENT IN
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SANTIAGO AS CONSULAR AGENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT
AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT A CONSULAR
AGENT AT SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS.
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